

# Doctor-Balloonist Lands Safely After 32 Hours of Exploring Outer Space

## Highlights of Flight Shown



Map traces highlights of flight Air Force doctor-pilot Maj. David Simons in gondola of huge plastic balloon for record 32 hours. Simons took off from mine pit at Crosby, Minn., yesterday, reached an estimated 102,000 feet over Wahpeton, N. D., early today and landed safely late today near Ellendale, N. D. (AP Wirephoto)

ELLENDALE, N. D., Aug. 20 — Fatigued but happy, an Air Force doctor-pilot ended 32 hours of exploring outer space late today when he brought the gondola of his huge plastic balloon to earth after soaring an estimated record 102,000 feet.

Expert and an Air Force physician, said Simons' condition was excellent except for the fatigue. He said the next step in the "Man High" project he directed would be to fashion a gondola capable of carrying a crew of four or five men.

Dakota-South Dakota border about 10 miles southwest of Ellendale. Ground winds shifted the balloon about precariously during Simons' nine-hour battle to get the gondola and his cargo of instruments safely down.

The balloon covered about 400 air miles in the 32 hours. Radar trackers estimated the balloon hit the record 102,000-foot level over Wahpeton, N. D., early today. Confirmation will await calibration of instruments the balloon carried.

The "Man High" operation. He paid tribute to Simons' navigation, pointing out that it required able handling of ballast to bring the balloon down through sometimes precarious ground currents.

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Conrad Prange is back at work to rest up. Our "Comes the Dawn" columnist is in need of it, too, after a fishing jaunt with mama moopes and maps. His regular column resumes on Page 4 today.

## Escape Bid Fails At State Hospital

### 4 From Maximum Security Ward Become Stuck in Food Elevator

A jammed elevator at the Oregon State Hospital halted an escape attempt staged by four patients who overpowered three attendants in the maximum security ward in a bid for freedom Tuesday night.

Using two screwdrivers and a hammer, the four inmates overpowered attendants about 8:25 p.m., took their keys, locked them up and attempted to leave the third floor ward via the food elevator in the kitchen.

Apparently the combined weight of the four men was too much for the dumb waiter which stalled between the second and third floors, and after a fire alarm sounded from the ward, hospital officials took the men back into custody almost immediately with no resistance, he said.

Patients involved were Rowley Lalo, Klamath County, Mervyn Arnold, Lane County, Alexander Cross, Marion County, and Sylvester Roberts, Multnomah County, officials said. All were court-committed but none is a criminal commitment, Dr. Brooks said.

The attendants, C. F. Smith, Floyd Norman and George Barthman, were not seriously injured.

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## Top Syrian Tells U.S. 'Death Plot'

By ANGELO NATALE  
DAMASCUS, Syria, Aug. 20

AP Wirephoto. A top Syrian army chief of staff, charged today he was marked for assassination in a plot he said the United States directed against the Syrian government.

At the same time Syria told the United Nations the United States conspired to overthrow the Damascus government but the Syrians refrained from asking for any U.N. action.

In the story told here, Bizry said his chief staff officers also were marked for death. The soft-spoken 43-year-old commander made his appearance at an interview arranged for a group of Western newsmen.

They were to send gangsters to our houses to kill us," Bizry said. They were gangsters made in America.

The general declared Howard E. Stone, the U.S. Embassy's second secretary for political affairs, was the mastermind. Stone was one of three U.S. diplomats ousted from Syria last week.

Bizry told his story shortly after Syria instructed its U.N. delegation to accuse the United States of promoting the purported conspiracy to oust President Shukri Kwadati's leftist regime.

Kwadati is an Egyptian hospital at Alexandria. He flew to Egypt after the army's shakeup, with the announced aim of receiving medical treatment.

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He gave the testimony to the Senate Rackets Investigating Committee, which showed much curiosity about his finances.

Most of the loans making up the total were shown as having come from fellow unionists or locals in the Teamsters Union, some from men identified by committee counsel as men with criminal records, and some from employers who had dealings with the union.

Hoffa, Midwest chief of the Teamsters, said most of the loans from individuals were made to him without interest and without security of any kind. He said his friends became indignant when he suggested giving them notes.

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### Year-Old Plane Wreck Found In Sisters Area

(Picture on page 2)  
EUGENE, Aug. 20 (AP) — A group of Boy Scouts found the wreckage of a plane that crashed more than a year ago and State Police said a search for the two occupants would begin tomorrow.

### Reducing Together

Reed said the two men apparently were injured but not killed in the crash. He found a rope tied to the plane's windshield mounting which the men apparently had used to let themselves down out of the plane. Reed said he located what appeared to be dried blood on a rock. A search of the area by Reed and others in his party failed to turn up any further trace of the men.

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## Would Replace Church; Okeh of Planners Asked



MINNEAPOLIS, Aug. 20 — Ralph Jacobs of suburban Robbinsdale, and his English Bulldog, Big Mouth Martha, have launched an all-out campaign for each to lose 16 per cent of their present weight.

Next major change planned in the Capitol Mall area is a proposed \$10,000,000 office building in the block occupied by the First Presbyterian Church, was given the go-ahead Tuesday by the State Board of Control.

Similar in design to the five-story State Highway Building, the structure will be known as the Labor and Industries Building. It will stand immediately north of the State Library and across the Mall from the Highway Building. The block is bounded by Winter, Summer, Chemekeita and Center streets.

Formal approval of the proposed site is yet to be obtained from the Capitol Planning Commission. The commission will meet soon, said William Ryan, board of control secretary.

Preliminary plans for the structure, to be financed by state retirement funds, will take a year with bids probably not being called for until January of 1959, Ryan said.

Construction cost will be repaid by departments of the Unemployment Compensation and Industrial Accident Commissions and State Bureau of Labor which will occupy the building.

The Presbyterian Church on Chemekeita and Winter street, now owned by the state, will be torn down to make way for the building unless someone offers to buy the church, Arthur Handly of the board of control said.

The church could not be leveled until the state is ready to call for bids, Handly added.

New Church Planned  
A new church is being planned by Presbyterian officials on the southwest corner of Chemekeita and Winter streets opposite the present building.

Construction of a Labor and Industries building was authorized by the 1957 legislature. An opinion by Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton Tuesday establish that the Finance Department would supervise its construction.

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